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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : David Stern and Ann Marie Schmidt
Serial No. : 08/905,709 Examiner: E. Lazar-Wesley
Filing Date : August 5, 1997 Art Unit: 1646
For : A METHOD TO PREVENT ACCELERATED
ATHEROSCLEROSIS USING (SRAGE) SOLUBLE
RECEPTOR FOR ADVANCED GLYCATION ENDPRODUCTS

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March 23, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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BOX: CPA

Sir:

PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION
AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This application is a continued prosecution application ("CPA") of U.S. Serial No. 08/905,709, filed August 5, 1997. A Final Office Action was issued in U.S. Serial No. 08/905,709 on June 24, 1999, setting a three month period for response which expired on September 24, 1999. On October 25, 1999 applicants filed an Amendment in Response to June 24, 1999 Final Office Action and a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time. On November 12, 1999 an Advisory Action was issued. On December 24, 1999 applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for an Additional Two-Month Extension of Time and as a result an appeal brief was due February 24, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to March 24, 2000. The fee for a one-month extension of time is FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00) for a small entity. A check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Applicants have previously established small entity status. Thus, an appeal brief is now due March 24, 2000. Accordingly, U.S. Serial No. 08/905,709 is pending today and this CPA application is timely filed. This CPA application is filed herewith in lieu of an appeal brief. Thus, this CPA and

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Preliminary Communication are being timely filed.

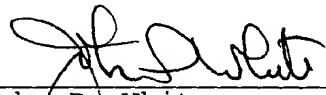
Applicants request that the Examiner enter the Amendment In Reply to the June 24, 1999 Final Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time which applicants timely filed on October 25, 1999.

Applicants look forward to receiving an action on the merits.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee other than the \$55.00 extension of time fee and the \$345 filing fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this CPA and Preliminary Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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